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DATE: February 2010

TO: PRINCIPAL AND ALL 5TH GRADE TEACHERS

RE: 2010 DAVID DEUTER MEMORIAL 5TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST
"WHAT BEING A GOOD CITIZEN MEANS TO ME"

We would like to invite your 5th grade classes to participate in the **2010 David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest**. This is the **14th year** we have provided the 5th grade essay contest. The essay topic again this year is: **"What Being A Good Citizen Means To Me"**.

The program is named to honor the memory of *Master Trooper David A. Deuter*, who was killed in the line of duty on the toll road on July 16, 1998. At the time of his death, he left behind his wife, Debra, and two young daughters, who are now teenagers, as well as two adult daughters.

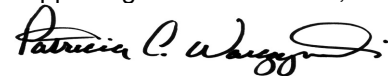
FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROGRAM:

- **Essay Topic:** "What Being A Good Citizen Means To Me". Please be certain that your entry is original and focuses on the good citizenship topic. Neatness, correct spelling and grammar are also extremely important.
- **Length of Essay:** Approximately 100 words – essays that are too long will be returned for revisions. Poetry will not be accepted.
- **Who Can Participate:** All 5th grade classes are invited to participate. Your school should submit only one entry to represent your school
- **Deadline for entries:** Postmarked by March 13th 2010.
- **Mail to:** Indiana Troopers Association, PO Box 798, Angola, IN 46703. Entries may be faxed to: 260-624-2747.
- **Selection of Winners:** In early April, county winners will be selected from essays submitted. From the county winners, One Statewide Winner will be selected, along with Two Runners-up. Your school will be notified by mail.
- **Awards/Gifts:** The statewide winner, runners-up and all county winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds from the ITA, as well as engraved plaques, a "You Make A Difference" Certificate from Governor Daniels and other gifts.
- **Participation Certificates:** Upon request, we will provide "participation certificates" to all students at your school who enter the essay contest.
- **School Presentation:** Should your school's entry be chosen as one of the winners, if requested, we will do our best to provide a uniformed trooper to attend your end of year awards program and present an Awards Certificate to your winner.
- **Statewide Awards Program:** All County/State Essay Winners, their families and school officials, will be invited to attend the Statewide Awards Program to be held at the Indiana State House on Friday, June 11, 2010.

Over the past years, literally thousands of Indiana fifth grade students have participated in our Essay Contest. We hope that your school will join us in our 2010 program.

If you have any question regarding the program, please contact Karen Shelton or Debra Deuter-Speidell at our Corporate Office – 800-671-9851.

Supporting those who serve,



Patricia C. Warczynski – President

Enclosure: Guidelines/Entry Form

